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REMARKS

Claims 1-54 and 112-161 are pending.

The Examiner acknowledged Applicant's traversal of Claims 1-14, 47-50, 112-119, 137-139, 144, and 149-161 in Paper No. 10, and Applicant thanks the Examiner for the Examiner's indication of allowable subject matter thereregarding (i.e., "Claims 1-14, 47-50, 112-119, 137-139, 144, and 149-161 would be allowed"). Applicant notes that said allowable subject matter pertains to Species I.

Moreover, the Examiner confirmed that Claim 1 is generic to **Species I, Species V, and Species VI**, and respectfully, Applicant directs the Examiner to MPEP § 806.04(d) regarding the same, to wit:

Once a claim that is determined to be generic is allowed, all of the claims drawn to species in addition to the elected species which include all the limitations of the generic claim will ordinarily be obviously allowable in view of the allowance of the generic claim, since the additional species will depend thereon or otherwise include all of the limitations thereof.

Moreover, according to Paper No. 9, "Applicant will be entitled to consideration of claims to additional species upon allowance of a generic claim. It is understood that if the claims of the elected Species I are found allowable over the prior art, the Examiner will expand the search to include other species."

Accordingly, and consistent with the Examiner's confirmation that Claim 1 is generic to Species I, Species V, and Species VI, Applicant submits that the allowable subject matter of **Species I** also covers **Species V** and **Species VI**. Accordingly, Applicant submits that all the following claims are now allowable:

Species I: 1-14, 47-50, 112-119, 137-139, 144, and 149-161

Species V: 24-31, 52, 124-127, 141, and 146

Species VI: 33-38

Written another way—i.e., written to further enhance clarity—the allowable subject matter now includes **Claims 1-14, 24-31, 33-38, 47-50, 52, 112-119, 124-127, 137-139, 141, 144, 146, and 149-161.**

Accordingly, Claims 15-23, 32, 39-46, 51, 53-111, 120-123, 128-136, 140, 142-143, 145, and 147-148 have been cancelled without prejudice to their future prosecution in response to the Examiner's various Restriction Requirements. Applicant reserves the right to file additional applications on the non-elected claims. To this end, Applicant notes that while the Examiner

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indicated that "the election has been treated as an election without traverse" in Paper No. 10, Applicant notes that Applicant elected Species 1 "with traverse" and also "traverse[d] the claims identified in the non-elected Species groups II, IV, and VII..." in Paper No. 9 (emphasis added). Accordingly, Applicant's traversals have been duly noted.

In a final attempt to further enhance clarity, Applicant offers the following chart to summarize the status of the claims:

	<u>Cancelled</u>	<u>Pending</u>
✓ 1-14		X
15-23	X	
✓ 24-31		X
32	X	
✓ 33-38		X
39-46	X	
✓ 47-50		X
51	X	
✓ 52		X
53-111	X	
✓ 112-119		X
120-123	X	
✓ 124-127		X
128-136	X	
✓ 137-139		X
140	X	
✓ 141		X
142-143	X	
✓ 144		X
145	X	
✓ 146		X
147-148	X	
✓ 149-161		X

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CONCLUSION

Applicant believes Applicant has overcome the Examiner's objections to Claims 1-14, 47-50, 112-119, 137-139, 144, and 149-161. More specifically, Applicant believes pending Claims 1-14, 47-50, 112-119, 137-139, 144, and 149-161 are patentable (Species I), as are Claims 24-31, 52, 124-127, 141, and 146 (Species V), and Claims 33-38 (Species VI). Thus, Applicant respectfully submits that all pending claims are in a condition for allowance, which Applicant respectfully requests.

Applicant believes this Response should allow the Examiner to allow the above-referenced patent application to issue as a U.S. patent without further amendments to the specification or claims. Thus, Applicant also requests notification to that effect.

If questions should arise, please telephone the undersigned attorney.

